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PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

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Work programme in the field of population

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind the outcome of the International Conference on Population and Development and the adoption of its Programme of Action, 1/ taking into account General Assembly resolution 49/128 of 19 December 1994 on the report of the International Conference on Population and Development and General Assembly resolution 50/124 of 20 December 1995, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/55 of 28 July 1995, on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,

Recalling decision 1995/2 of the Commission on Population and Development on programme questions, 2/

1. Regards the work of the United Nations Population Division, in collaboration with others, as being of considerable importance to the monitoring

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union.

1/ Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 7 (E/1995/27), chap. I, sect. B.

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of the implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development and serving crucial needs of the United Nations system and the international community for scientifically sound inputs to analyse, debate, planning and policy on population and development;

2. Regrets that the work programme had to be adjusted to take into account the general measures taken by the Secretary-General in view of the tight cash-flow situation of the Organization;

3. Notes with concern that further restrictive adjustments to the work programme for the biennium 1996-1997 are still to be decided upon by the General Assembly at its present session and trusts that no essential element of the envisaged work programme will be affected;

4. Reiterates the special role of the Population Division of the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis of the United Nations Secretariat as a body with competence across the broad range of issues covered by the International Conference on Population and Development and the need to maintain these strengths;

5. Reaffirms the content of the work programme for the current biennium, as defined by the Commission in annex II to its report on its twenty-eighth session; 3/

6. Stresses the priority to be attached to the elements of the work programme which relate directly to the monitoring and review of the Programme of Action of the Conference;

7. Recognizes the need for a reappraisal of the shape, content and structure of the work programme for the thirtieth session of the Commission, in view of the start of the new planning period, the increased demands resulting from United Nations conferences and the financial situation;

8. Requests the Director of the Population Division to consult with the members of the Commission in this reappraisal and fully supports the need to protect the long-term work programme, including both traditional demographic work and the development of innovative approaches to meeting new demands following the outcomes of the International Conference on Population and Development and other recent major United Nations conferences.

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3/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 7 (E/1995/27).